

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a), (b) and (c) No, Sir. On the contrary over the past few years there has been a steady increase in the percentage of persons who get themselves insured through Life Insurance Corporation of India. The percentage of persons insuring for the first time on an individual basis has increased from 64.4 percent in 1980-81 to 68.7 percent in 1984-85. Similarly, number of lives insured under Group Schemes in force has gone up from 63.9 lakhs in 1980-81 to 78.9 lakhs in 1984-85. The Life Insurance Corporation of India has taken several measures such as rapid branch expansion, introduction of new plans, recruitment of development officers in the rural areas, and also rural career agents in order to attract the insuring public.

Regional Offices of Nationalised Banks in Uttar Pradesh.

4987. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no headquarter of any nationalised bank in Uttar Pradesh the most populous State of the country ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the number of regional offices of nationalised banks in Uttar Pradesh is also less as compared to that in some other big States in the country ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remove this disparity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that there are 69 Regional/ Divisional Offices of Public Sector Banks in Uttar Pradesh as compared to 84 in Maharashtra, 53 in Karnataka, 52 in Tamilnadu, 49 in West Bengal, 42 in Gujarat and 36 in Bihar. The question of

setting up of Regional offices in specific areas is decided by the concerned bank after taking into account various factors like number of branches functioning in that area, level of business, area of operations, administrative convenience, etc.

[English]

Indianisation of Capital Base by Foreign Companies

4988. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

the number and names of foreign companies which have Indianised their capital-base during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) Information about the companies which have compiled with the directives issued by the Reserve Bank of India under Section 29 (2) (a) of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act during the years 1982, 1983 and 1984 is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Subsidy/Grants to States

4989. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) the amount of subsidy/grants given by the Union Government to various States for the various purposes during the last three years ; and

(b) how much amount Orissa has received out of this amount during the above mentioned period, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a) and (b) A statement is given below.